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Richmond May 8th 1878MONTEREY HILL
CONGRESSX
C626.

My dear Sir

I was very glad to receive your letter this morning. I am very sorry to be able to give you no better account of my progress on my work - But it is slow - I have many interruptions - Besides that I am no "literateur" And my calling requires some training - When I get enough written for one volume I will try and publish. The end of the nullification ~~pause~~ ^{secession} was a natural pause - But it was not enough for one volume - That and the currency action and doctrine will probably make one volume - ~~The~~ ^{The negro} ~~secession~~ ^{secession} may be the main subject of another. I am very anxious to conclude it if possible. But I am a slow worker. I will do however the best I can.

I agree with much that you say about his sentiments on union - But

he said I have long believed

he would have settled the dispute with
an attempt at

2nd disunion — So that I know he was
opposed unless it was necessary to secure
to the South what she had bargained
for, her constitutional rights — Had he
lived however I think ~~he~~ he should

not have failed — But the difficulties
in the way of success were very great,
greater I think than we are wont to be
— here. I wish I could have seen

you half on your way to Washing-
-ton — But there could only have been

if you had stopped awhile on the
way to or from Washington.

Yours very faithfully

Wm W Hunter
Hon Th^{rs} J. C. Calhoun

How many children have you — Any large